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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of nonwoven webs, foams, films, and porous films and the treatment solution comprises less than about 0.005 weight percent by weight of an antistatic agent.
3. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the treatment solution includes no antistatic agent.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the substrate is a nonwoven fabric.
9. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the substrate is a nonwoven fabric laminate.
10. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the substrate is an infection control fabric that is or comprises a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate, a spunbond/film/spunbond laminate, a spunbond/film/spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate or a spunbond/film/film/spunbond laminate.
11. (canceled)
12. (canceled)
13. (canceled)
14. (canceled)
15. (canceled)

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16. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the treatment solution comprises less than about 2 weight percent of an ionic fluoropolymer or a mixture of ionic fluoropolymers.
17. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the treatment solution comprises less than about 1 weight percent of an ionic fluoropolymer or a mixture of ionic fluoropolymers.
18. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the treatment solution comprises from about 0.1 weight percent to about 1 weight percent of an ionic fluoropolymer or a mixture of ionic fluoropolymers.
19. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, further comprising drying the treated substrate wherein the dried substrate comprises less than about 0.5 weight percent of fluorine.
20. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, further comprising drying the treated substrate wherein the dried substrate comprises less than about 0.25 weight percent of fluorine.
21. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, further comprising drying the treated substrate wherein the dried substrate comprises less than about 0.15 weight percent of fluorine.
22. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the treatment solution is an aqueous treatment solution.
23. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[14]] 22, wherein the aqueous treatment solution further comprises an alcohol.
24. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[15]] 23, wherein the aqueous treatment solution comprises an alkyl alcohol.
25. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the monovalent salt is sodium nitrate.
26. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the ionic fluoropolymer is selected from the group consisting of fluoroalkyl acrylate homopolymers, fluoroalkyl acrylate copolymers, fluorinated siloxanes, fluorinated silicones, fluorinated urethanes, and mixtures thereof.

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27. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[1]] 36, wherein the ionic fluoropolymer is a fluoroalkyl acrylate copolymer.

28 – 35. (cancelled)

36. (new) A method of treating a substrate to improve the alcohol repellency of the substrate, the method comprising passing a substrate through a treatment solution comprising an ionic fluoropolymer and a monovalent salt wherein the treatment solution contains less than about 0.05 weight percent of an antistatic agent, and wherein the treatment solution contains less than about 0.05 weight percent of the monovalent salt, and wherein the treated substrate has a percent loss in hydrostatic head value as compared to untreated fabric of about 10% or less.